



Municipal Buildings,  
Withernsea.

21st July, 1947.

To The Chairman & Members of the Withernsea U.D.C.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration and Housing Conditions for 1946.

The general health of the District was most satisfactory. Excluding Tuberculosis, there was not a single case of infectious disease notified in Withernsea.

The population is estimated by the Registrar General as 4426, an increase of 160 compared with the estimate for 1945 but 620 less than 1944. This fluctuation may continue as war evacuees return to their original residences, and as housing facilities improve in Hull.

The Birth-rate of 23.27 adjusted for inward and outward transfers, shows the substantial increase of 10.14 per 1000 people compared with last year. The illegitimate rate increased to 2.7. Both of these rates are all time records for Withernsea.

The Death rate of 19.2 per 1000 people is again greater than last year's figure of 17.8 and 16.0 in 1944. Nine more people died this year than in 1945, all women.

Infant Mortality (the weather gauge of social conditions), was again low this year, two infants under one year dying, giving a mortality of 19.4 for every 1000 live babies born.

Infectious Diseases. No cases of infantile or epidemic infectious disease were notified. There were 8 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, 3 female aged 23 to 33; and five male in varying age groups.

For the past three years no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

Diphtheria Immunisation. The high percentage of school children immunised during your Council's pioneer work in this field of Public Health Service has been maintained.

Yours faithfully,

Francis R. Cripps M.D. D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.



SUMMARY of the REPORT for the year 1946.

Average height above sea level.....	15 feet.
Area of Urban District.....	882 acres.
Population.....1931 census.....	4251
estimated 1945 mid-year.....	4426
Excess of Births over Deaths.....	18
Number of houses occupied - Dec.1945.....	abt. 1500.
Dec. 1946.....	abt. 1500.
Rateable Value.....	£26382
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£98. 5. 3.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1945</u>
Legitimate.....	43	48	91	53
Illegitimate.....	9	4	12	3
	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>56</u>

Birth-rate per 1000 population.....23.27

## STILL-BIRTHS.

Legitimate .....	2	2	4	0
Illegitimate.....	0	1	1	0

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL causes.

(No. 29)	Puerperal Sepsis	0	0	0	0
(No. 30)	Other Puerperal causes.....	0	0	0	0

<u>DEATHS</u> all causes.....	39	46	85	76
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DEATH RATE per 1000 population... 19.2....(1945 - 17.8)

INFANT DEATHS(under one year)	1	1	2	1
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## INFANT DEATH RATE

<u>INFANT DEATH RATE</u>		<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>
All infants per 1000 total live births...		19.4	17.8	67.6
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate				
	live births...	11.0	18.9	73.5
Illegitimate	ditto	83.3.	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Measles all ages.....		Nil	Nil	Nil
do	Whooping Cough (all ages)....	Nil	Nil	Nil
do	Diarrhoea (under . 2).....	Nil	Nil	1
do	Diphtheria (all ages).....	Nil	Nil	Nil

DEATH RATES per 1000 population from:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis (2).....	0.45	1.17	1.30
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis (1).....	0.22	0.23	Nil
Other Infectious Disease (0).....	Nil	Nil	0.21
Heart Disease(17).....	3.84	3.50	3.20
Respiratory Diseases (7) excluding Pneumonia & T.B.....	1.58	1.30	1.90
Cerebral Haemorrhage (10).....	2.26	1.64	1.50
Cancer (14).....	3.16	2.58	1.90

<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASE.</u>	<u>Notified cases.</u>	<u>case: rate per 1000 popl.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Death rate per 1000 popl</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria.....	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia.....	0	Nil	2	0.45
Tuberculosis (Pulm)	8	1.80	2	0.45
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0.45	Nil	Nil
Measles.....	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough.....	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulm)	0	Nil	1	0.22





MATERIAL and SOCIAL CONDITIONS. These remain essentially the same as during the previous years. The Urban District of 882 acres is a flat seaside resort with no natural aids to beauty such as possessed by Scarborough and other North East Coast resorts. It does, however, possess a good clean sandy beach, invigorating clean air and a low rainfall - a childrens holiday paradise. It maintains a population of about 5000 who are mainly attracted by the climatic conditions of the seaside and very many work in the neighbouring town of Hull. The normal resident population contains a large number of older and retired people, a factor which affects our birth and death rate considerably, usually lowering the first and raising the second. The chief local industries are joinery and building contractors, a bakery and a gas-works.

BIRTH RATE. Owing to the increased marriage rate during and after the war coupled with the housing shortage, a large number of wives remained at home with parents. Consequently the number of live births registered is 103, nearly double the number for last year, giving a rate of 23.27 after the adjustment for inward and outward transfers. The birth rate for England and Wales is 19.1, an increase of 3 per 1000 over 1945. The birth rate in the smaller towns of 25000-50000 populations has risen to 21.3 an increase of 2.1 per 1000 over 1945.

DEATH RATE. 85 people died in 1946, nine more than last year. The death rate is 19.2 per 1000 as compared with 17.8 in 1945 and 16 in 1944. The corresponding figures for England and Wales are 11.5 this year and 11. in 1945. For the smaller towns the rate is 11.7 per 1000 this year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY. No mothers died as the result of infection after childbirth or MISCARRIAGE.

INFANT MORTALITY. The death rate for 1946 is 19.4 per 1000 total live births, while for the two previous years it was 17.8 and 67. One male infant died at 4 months from acute bronchitis and one female shortly after birth being a premature infant. The rate for England and Wales is 43, for the smaller towns 37 and for London, 41, all about the same as for the previous year. Our present rate approximates the figures of Norway and Sweden. It should be our normal rate. We are not yet sufficiently careful of our infant life.

THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	M	F	Total	% of total deaths	rate per 1000
Heart Disease.....	9	8	17	20	3.84
Cerebral Haemorrhage..	1	9	10	12	2.26
Other Arterial and Blood Diseases.....	5	1	6	7	1.34
Cancer .....	5	9	14	16	3.16
Respiratory Disease } Bronchitis: Pneumonia }	4	5	9	10	2.02
Tuberculosis.....	1	2	3	3	0.67

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. prevalence and control over. Our district was singularly free from infectious disease. There were no cases of Typhoid, Paratyphoid, Diphtheria or Smallpox, and no deaths from any infectious disease, save Tuberculosis. There were, however, two deaths from Pneumonia notified and eight fresh cases of Tuberculosis. No cases of Eye Disease among babies was recorded. No action was necessary by the Council under the Public Health Act, 1925 Sec. 62 re compulsory removal to hospital.





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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. This work is actively continued by means of sessions held at the Infant and Junior Departments of the School and by a Clinic held monthly in the town for the immunisation of the under fives. Over 100 children were immunised during the year and the position as at 31st December was as follows:-

		<u>immunised during year</u>	<u>total immsd.</u>	<u>%</u>
No. of children	1-5)			
	323)	132	295	91
do	5-15)			
	598)	63	550	92

PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS. Practically all routine examinations required for the diagnosis of illnesses can be done at The Beverley Emergency Hospital under arrangement made by the County Council.

HOSPITALS. General. The Hull Royal Infirmary with the Sutton Annexe, and the Childrens Hospital, Hull, receive all the cases from the area requiring hospital investigation and treatment.

Maternity. The County Maternity Hospital is at Bridlington This is too far away for an emergency in this area and it is easier and more convenient to use Hull Womens Hospital. A Maternity Home for South Holderness is still anxiously awaited. As noted in last years report it is proposed to convert the Public Assistance Institution into a 16 bed Maternity Home and in the meantime the Institution and Hospital has been closed.

TUBERCULOSIS. Sanatorium treatment is provided by the County Council at Raywell, but shortage of staff, chiefly nursing, is severely curtailing accommodation for patients.

ORTHOPAEDIC Patients can be admitted to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Kirby Moorside.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These have been greatly improved by the free use of an Ambulance provided by a Voluntary Local Organisation for Withernsea and District. The provision of a whole-time paid driver has made it possible for an ambulance to be called for at very short notice.

HEALTH VISITORS. A Nurse, resident in Withernsea, is provided for this service by the East Riding County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS. Eight new cases all Pulmonary were notified in 1946. Two were service men. There were three deaths, 2 Pulmonary and one Non-Pulmonary.

NEW CASES.

DEATHS.

Age Group	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	1

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1946.

## SECTION "C"

## WATER SUPPLY.

Since February, 1916, the public water supply has been obtained under contract from the Kingston -upon-Hull Corporation . The water is brought through pipes to a tower situated about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles outside the District and thence distributed by gravity through out the district. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. The total amount of water supplied during the year was 53,893,000 gallons.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There are 25 closets which have not been converted to the water carriage system, exclusive of about 130 connected with the various camps in the District.

## COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF LOOSE RELOADED AND NIGHT STOL.

495 loads of House Refuse and 98 loads of Shop Refuse weighing approximately 742 tons- 10 cuys and 93 tons respectively, were collected by the 2 ton Bedford covered Motor Vehicle, and dealt with at the Incinerator Station.

The following materials were sold during the year:-

Mixed Waste & Straps and.		24 tons	1 cwt-	2 qrs.			
White Cullet	...	20 "	-1	cwt-	1 " qrs	118	. 2 . 2
Bones	...	1 "	-1	"	- 3 "	51	. 3 . 1
Galv'd Scrap Iron	...	11 "	-12	"	- 3 "	6	. 0 . 6
Galv'd Tins	...	53 "	- 7	"	- 2 "	28	. 0 . 1
Rags	...	3 "	-12	"	- 3 "	113	. 0 . 0
Iron Stakes 50No.	...	....		...		33	.16 . 3
Mixed Bottles 45 dozen	...	....		...		1	. 2 . 3
...	...	....		...		1	. 2 . 3
...	...	....		...		12	. 6 . 3
Clinkers	...	....		...		22	. 2 . 0
978 1/2 Lins Kitchen Waste	...	....		...		121	.16 . 3
						541	.14 . 0
Total							

# NIGHT SOIL.

The night soil from the houses and camps was collected in a tank fitted into a motor vehicle and deposited outside the Urban District on a farm.



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SECTION "C".  
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ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No complaints of infected premises have been received.

WORKSHOPS.

The following workshops and factories are on the register:-

Factories .....	Nil.
Laundries .....	Nil.
Joiners & Builders .....	11.
Letter Press & Printing Works .....	1.
Garages .....	4.
Coal Gas Manufacture .....	1.
Bakeries .....	4.
Mineral Waters .....	1.
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Total	22

The sanitary conditions of the lavatories were found to be in a satisfactory condition and the "Abstract of the Factories and Workshops" found duly posted.

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SECTION "D".  
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HOUSING.

Houses erected by the Withernsea Urban District Council:-

14 No. Houses - Permanent.  
8 No. Bungalows "

20 No. Prefabricated Houses - Temporary.

and by Private Enterprise :-

1 No. Bungalow -Permanent.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 85.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 100.
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. .... nil.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... nil.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for Human habitation. .... 1.
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation. .... nil.





2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwelling - houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their Officers. .... 68.

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a) Proceedings under sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Acts,1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling - houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... 1.
- (2) Number of dwelling - houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
  - (a) By Owners ..... 1.
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .... nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
  - (a) By Owners ..... nil.
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. nil.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act,1936:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made One under consideration.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. .... nil.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made ... nil.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... nil.

4. HOUSING ACT,1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

- (a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..... nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during the year ..... nil.
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..... nil.
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..... nil.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH REQUISITIONED HOUSES(MILITARY)

Maintenance repairs to 30 Ministry of Health Requisitioned Houses ( ex Military) have been carried out during the year.

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SECTION "E".  
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND CONDEMNED FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are 9 Purveyors of Milk on the Register.

One Supplementary Licence for the sale of  
Pasteurised Milk was issued.

Number of Condemnation Certificates issued  
regarding foodstuffs. .... 6.

COWSHEDS.

There are 4 Cowsheds in the Urban District Area.

(1) No defects were found.

